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Ernest L. Smith House  
Hagerstown Vicinity  
Private

Late 19th Century

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The house is a two story frame structure with a stone foundation and metal roof. The door and window frames have pedimented hoods and the architraves are chamfered with a base or stop at the sill level.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ernest L. Smith House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1275 Jefferson Street (MD. 64)

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERICAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ernest L. Smith

Telephone #: 301 - 733-8913

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1275 Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ernest L. Smith House is a two-story white frame house with a metal roof dating from the late nineteenth century and located on the south side of Jefferson Street (RD. 64) about 1 1/4 miles east of Hagerstown.

The house has a three-bay main elevation with a center entry facing north. A two-story flat roofed addition extends south from the rear of the house. At the junction of the main block and the addition is a second entrance with a small gabled hood on brackets. An interior brick chimney rises from the roof at the junction of the addition.

The most distinctive feature of the house is the fenestration. All the window openings and the main doorway have shallow pediment hoods. The sash is 4/4 and the upper sash has segmentally arched muntins. Even the square attic windows in the gable ends are treated in this manner. All windows have modern louvred green shutters. Where the architraves are visible, mainly around the door and attic windows, they are plain with a chamfered edge and "stops" at the sills. The main entrance has a rectangular transom.

The foundation is stone and the exterior is covered in German siding. The metal roof has standing seams.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house may be one of those shown belonging to H. Spielman on Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's 1877 map of Washington County.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located in the County of Prince George's, State of Maryland, and is bounded by the following: to the north by the Potomac River, to the south by the District of Columbia, to the east by the County of Prince George's, and to the west by the County of Prince George's. The property is situated on the north side of the Potomac River, between the District of Columbia and the County of Prince George's.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

February 1981

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

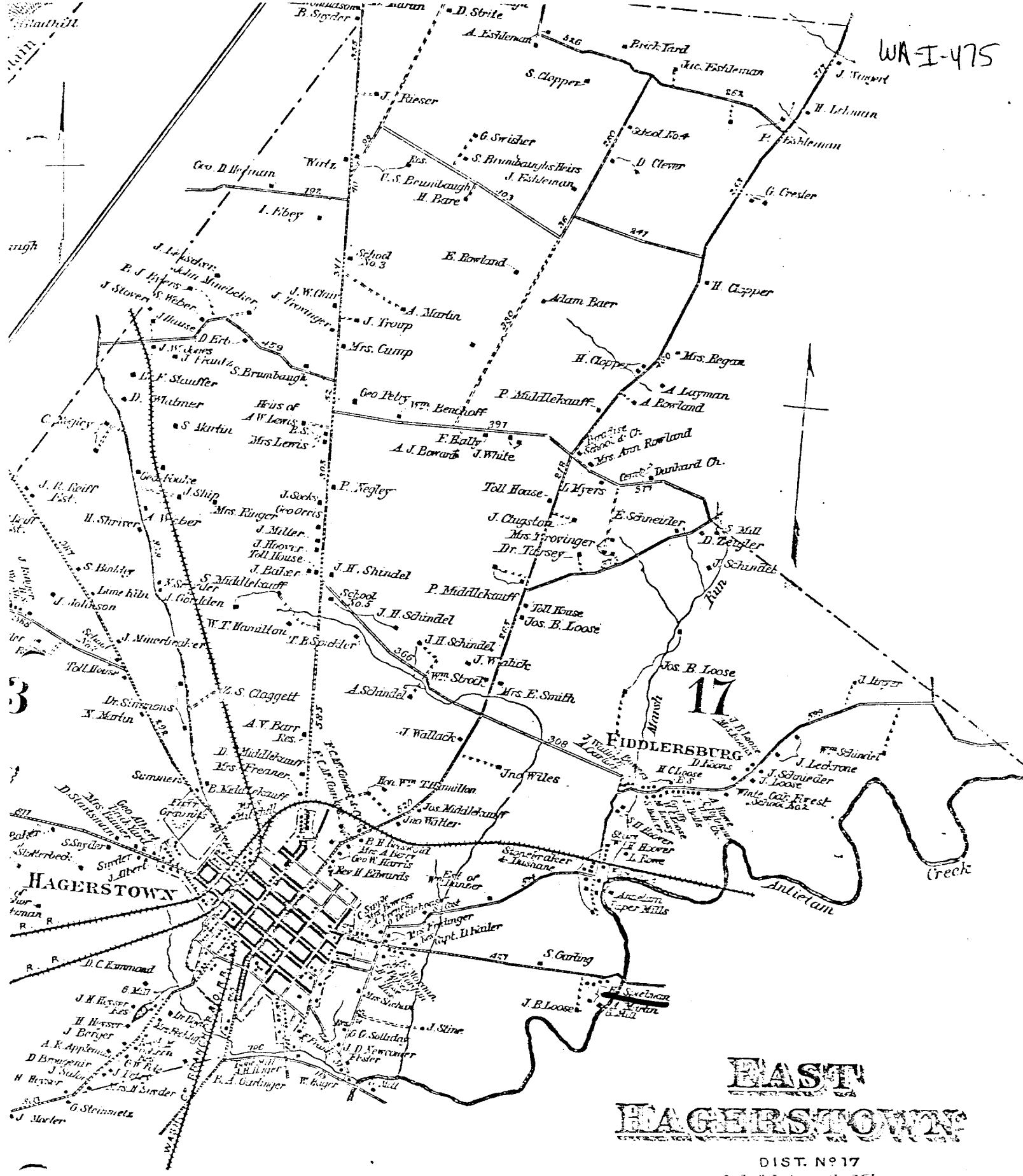
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

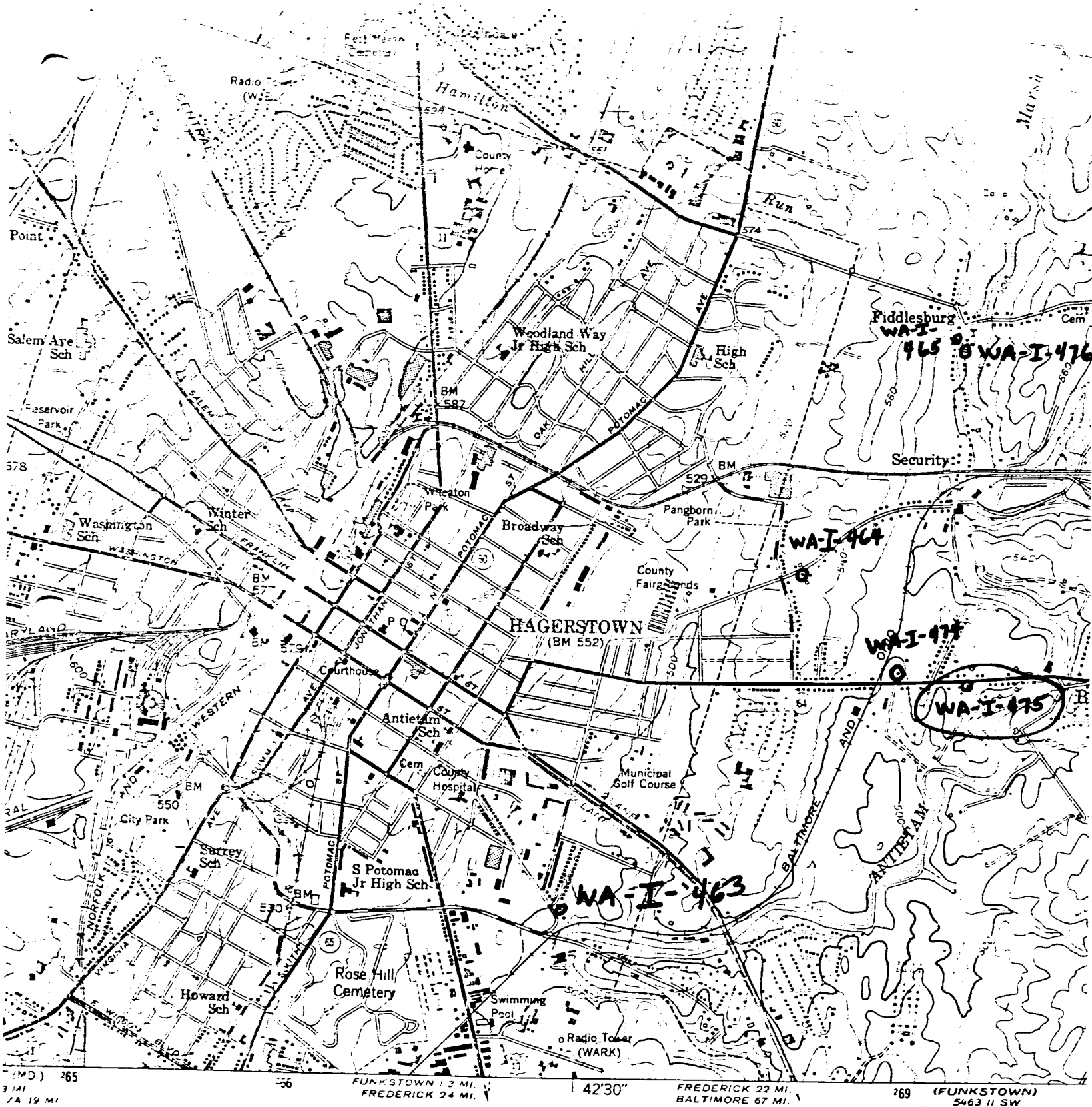
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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**EAST  
HAGERSTOWN**

DIST. NO 17  
Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



Engineers, U. S. Army  
by the Geological Survey

GS, and USCE

Photographs by stereophotogrammetric

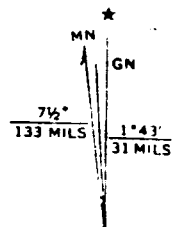
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Geological Survey 1953

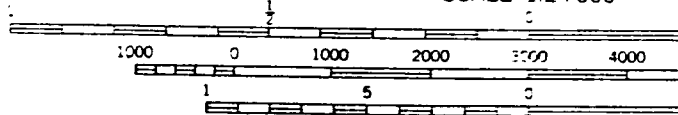
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in Maryland coordinate system

ate system, south zone



Hagerstown Quad



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL





